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### **Biodiversity Art Exhibit Travelling Kentucky** ***KSNPC display unique and educational***

**Frankfort, Ky.** (May 11, 2012) – The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) is promoting a cleverly designed metal art exhibit that is calling attention to the vast array of biodiversity found in the Commonwealth. The art exhibit is travelling to various state parks.

The exhibit's aluminum images, primarily taken from the KSNPC book, "Kentucky's Natural Heritage: An Illustrated Guide to Biodiversity," depict a fascinating ecosystem of flora and fauna, some that are endemic to Kentucky and found nowhere else in the world. Various sized images on 20 aluminum plates lend a three-dimensional effect, producing layers of vivid color and accurate detail.

The photographs will be on display during May in the Clifty Creek Restaurant at the lodge of Pennyryle Forest State Resort Park near Dawson Springs, where the book is also available for purchase. The park is situated in the 14,000-acre Pennyryle State Forest, a showcase of hardwood trees. The state park has a lodge, cottages, restaurant, campground, equine camping and trails. Later this year, the exhibit will be displayed at Greenbo Lake State Resort Park in Greenup and John James Audubon State Park in Henderson.

Due to the versatile construction of the aluminum images, KSNPC's biodiversity exhibit can be customized to fit most any space. Please contact the commission at 502-573-2886 if your agency, business or school would be interested in reserving the display. The commission provides this exhibit as an educational service at no cost.

KSNPC's masterwork book, "Kentucky's Natural Heritage: An Illustrated Guide to Biodiversity," is a coffee table book, factual enough for use in the classroom yet written

in a style that will appeal to the casual reader. The book, more than three years in the making, was published in a collaborative effort with The University Press of Kentucky and can be purchased through the Kentucky state parks listed above, most area bookstores, The University of Kentucky Press and the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission.

For more information, please contact the commission at 502-573-2886 online at <http://naturepreserves.ky.gov>. You can also join the commission on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/ksnpc>.

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